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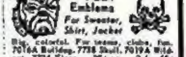

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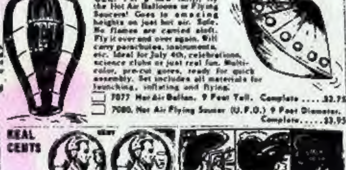

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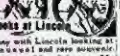

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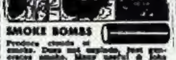

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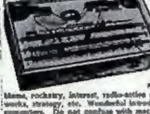

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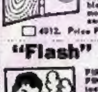

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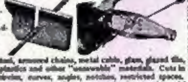

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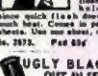

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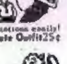

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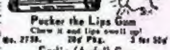

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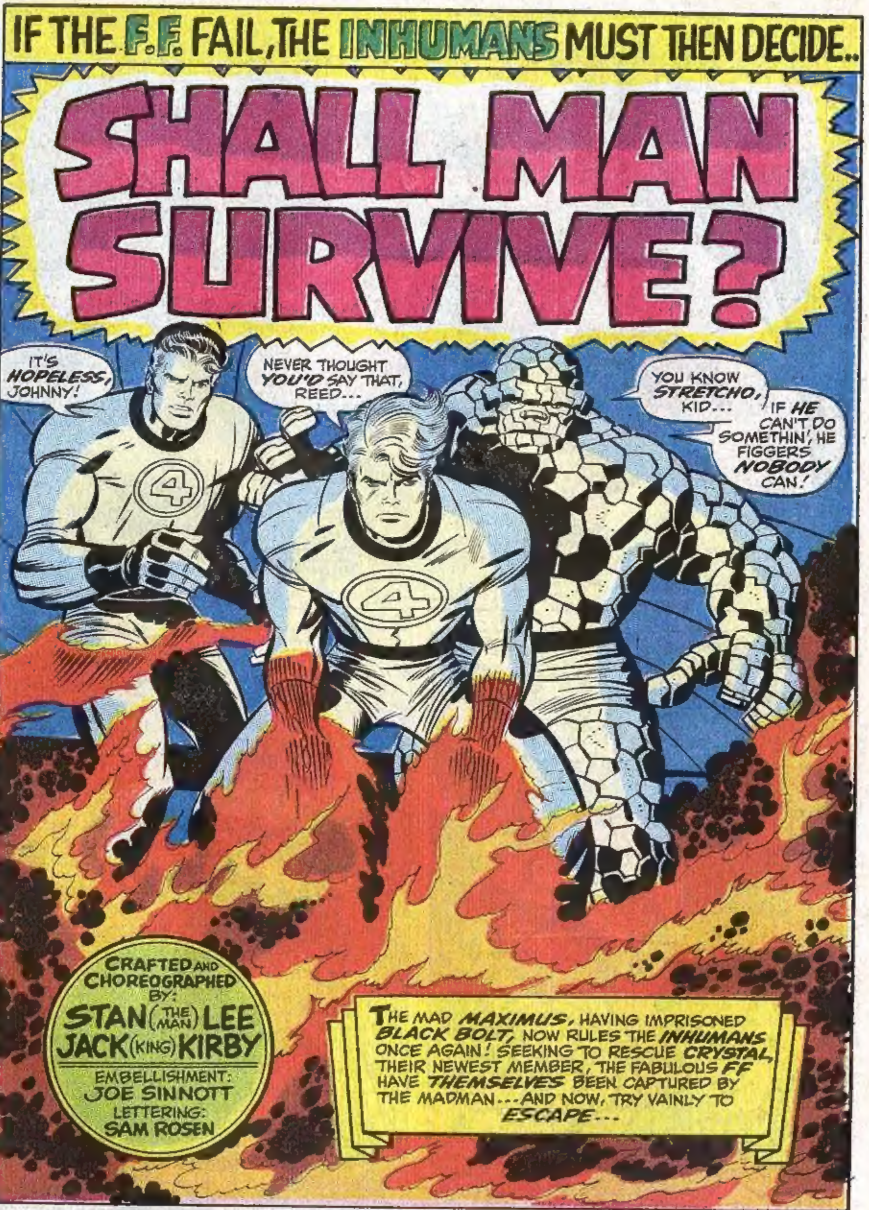

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EVEN A HUMAN TORCH CAN'T DO NOTHIN' AGAINST A JOINT THAT'S FIREPROOF!
BUT WE'VE GOT TO BREAK OUT!
I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT--- OF CRYSTAL--- CAPTURED BY THAT MAD-MAN!
I'M CONVINCED THAT THE SECRET OF THIS PRISON LIES IN A HYPNOTIC FIELD!
WE'VE BEEN MADE TO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE HOPE-LESSLY TRAPPED!
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T FIND THE SLIGHTEST CRACK!
BUT, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW WE'RE UNDER A POWERFUL HYPNOTIC SPELL---
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HYPNOTIC SPELL, MY AUNT PETUNIA!
THERE AIN'T NUTHIN' I CAN'T PUNCH MY WAY OUTTA---!
AND THAT GOES FER---
YEOWWTCH!
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AND AWAIT MY COMMAND!
MAXIMUS! THE CROWD GROWS RESTIVE!
THEY DEMAND TO SEE...THEIR KING!
AND SEE ME THEY SHALL!
LEONUS! MY HELMET IMPERIAL!
IN PLACE OF BLACK BOLT... THE HEIR IMPERATIVE SHALL REIGN AT LAST!
AND NOW... BRING FORTH MY SCEPTRE OF SOVEREIGNTY!
BOW, YOU CRINGING, CRAVEN CATTLE! BOW!
LEST MY SCEPTER'S NERVE RAY BE UNLEASHED!
ONLY THRU BLIND OBEDIENCE...
WILL YOU SHARE MY TRIUMPH YET TO COME!
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FOR, AT THE MOMENT WHEN I AM PROCLAIMED... EMPEROR ETERNAL...
I SHALL GIVE THE MOST MOMENTOUS COMMAND OF ALL...
I SHALL BLANKET ALL MANKIND ...WITH THE GIANT HYPNO-GUN!!
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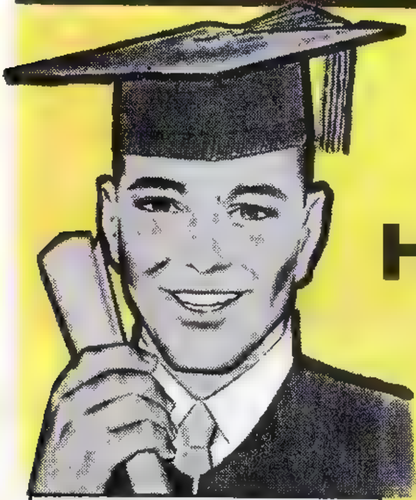

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FIRST, THEY SHALL GENTLY... GENTLY... SLIDE WITHIN THE IRON CUFFS THAT HOLD ME CAPTIVE...
LIKE THE LIVING THINGS THEY ARE... NOW LET THEM WORK THE LOCK-- TWISTING, TURNING, GRAPPLING...UNTIL..
MEDUSA TOO IS FREE!!
SPANG!
NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON, SISTER!
WE MUST HAVE TRIGGERED AN ALARM!
THE ALPHA PRIMITIVES ARE ATTACKING!
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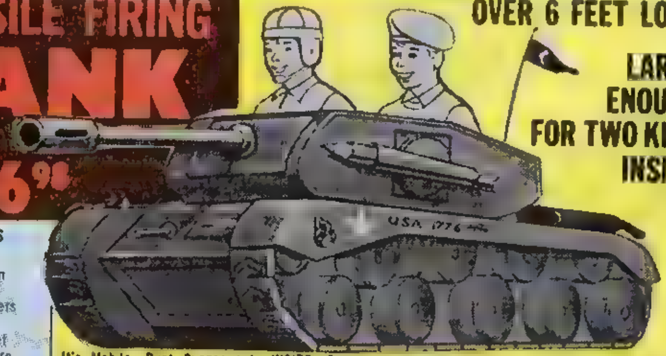

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I'M STILL THINK-ING, BEN!
THINKIN'??
A FAT LOTTA GOOD THAT'S DOIN US!
IF YOU'VE ANY BETTER SUGGESTIONS, BEN...?
I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW BLUE EYES FEELS, REED!
WITH ALL OUR POWERS, THERE MUST BE SOME-THING WE CAN DO!
BUT HOW DO WE TEAR INTO SOMETHIN' THAT AIN'T REALLY HERE??
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I DID?
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FLAME ON!
HOT ZIG!!
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I'LL HEAD RIGHT FOR HIM... TO GIVE YOU TWO A CHANCE!
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OKAY, GUYS...
I GRABBED HIS ATTENTION!
NOW GET 'IM!
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MOVE, BEN! EVERY-THING DEPENDS ON OUR SPEED!
I AIN'T NO BLASTED TWINKLE-TOES...
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WATCH IT, REED! HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO FREE H.MSELF!
GIT WITH IT, STRETCHO!
I'M HERE! I'M HERE!
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OKAY, BIG MOUTH... NOW BUG OFF...
'CAUSE...
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YOU REALLY LAID INTO THAT ONE, BEN!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
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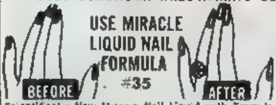

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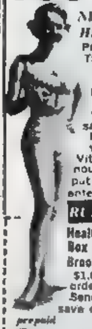

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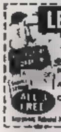

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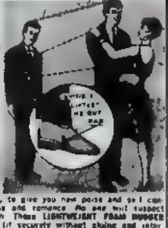

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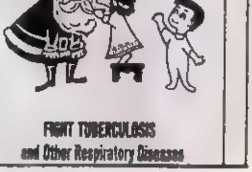

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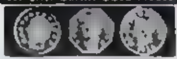

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AND THIS IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO BEGIN!
CRYSTAL! HAVE YOU SO SOON FORGOTTEN?
OUR PEOPLE DO NOT DISPLAY AFFECTION SO LIGHTLY!
CRYSTAL!!
IGNORE 'IM, HONEY! MAYBE HE'LL GO 'WAY!
DID WE GET HERE IN TIME?
HAS EVERYONE BEEN FREED?
STAND ASIDE, SONNY!
WE'LL LETCHA KNOW WHEN HALLOWEEN ROLLS AROUND!
MEDUSA! WHAT HAPPENED TO MAXIMUS?
THE MAD ONE HAS FLED... BUT HIS ESCAPE IS FUTILE!
IN ALL THE KINGDOM... HE WILL FIND NO SANCTUARY!
THEN BLACK BOLT RULES AGAIN!
SHEESH! YOU TWO COULD MAKE A HICCUP SOUND LIKE THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS!
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BUT, IN A SECRETLY-PREPARED, CAMOUFLAGED LAUNCH PAD, WE FIND...
THEY'LL NEVER CATCH THE MAGNIFICENT MAXIMUS!!
THIS HIDDEN SPACE SHIP WILL TAKE US TO THE END OF THE UNIVERSE IF NEED BE!
BUT, THERE IS NO PLACE TOO FAR... NO WORLD TOO DISTANT...
...NO GALAXY TOO REMOTE...
--TO KEEP ME FROM RETURNING!
SHOOOOOOM!
IT'S MAXIMUS! HE'S ESCAPED US!
SO LONG AS THE MURDEROUS MADMAN REMAINS AT LARGE ...NONE OF US ARE SAFE!
BUT, NEVER FORGET, MEDUSA...EVERY FORCE FOR EVIL...MUST FIGHT A COUNTER-FORCE ...FOR GOOD!
YECHH! WHAT'LL YA DO WHEN HE COMES BACK, STRETCHO--- BELT 'IM WITH A PROVERB?
IF MAXIMUS RETURNS... THEN LET THIS EARTH BEWARE!
NEXT
THE LORD OF LATVERIA!

SENSATIONAL SCOOPS TO STARTLE, STUN, AND SOOTHE YOU!

ITEM! It had to happen! Smilin' STAN THE MAN and Jaunty JIM STERANKO have finally teamed up to collaborate on one of Marvel's top strips — none other than Captain America! As for Jolly JACK KIRBY, the only reason the King has abandoned Cap is to give himself time enough to work with Smiley on a new title — one which promises to become the biggest blockbuster of '69 — and we'll bet you can guess what it'll be!

ITEM! Everyone's raving about the new, marvelously mysterious mood that JIM MOONEY has brought to the Amazing Spider-Man! Fandom agrees that teaming MADMAN MOONEY with JOHNNY (Ring-A-Ding) ROMITA'S sensational storyboard layouts is the smartest move we've made since Forbush-Man! And, by the way, did you know that madcap Mooney is one of our Leader's oldest and closest friends (although you'd never guess it by the way they're always battling!)? And they're still arguing about who was the first to grow his batty beard.

[illegible] HERBY TRIMPE [illegible] ...mpy) will be starting a new strip in a ...nth or two — in addition to pencilling ... Hulk. This talented, terrific newcomer ... proven to be one of Marvel's most ...ked-about finds . . . and you'll never ...ess which strip he's gonna do (unless ... happen to guess that it features a cer... Latverian monarch who can't exactly [illegible]

KEEPING-UP-TO-DATE DEPT.: Stop the presses! Since writing the second item above, our unpredictable Bullpen ramrod just shaved off his face fuzz! Smiley claimed he felt like a member of a rock 'n roll group when he'd go out to lunch with goateed STAN G., ARNIE DRAKE, and Jumbo JOHN VERPOORTEN! — Speaking of shrubbery, you should see the snazzy new long side-burns that Jolly SOLLY BRODSKY is sporting! If they don't stop growing, he'll haveta tie them under his chin! — And Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH must have been out in the bright sun every second of his stay in California recently, 'cause he's now a real yellow-haired yahoo! — Instead of keeping on the lookout for new artists and writers, we may become the only Bullpen with a full-time BARBER in attendance!

ITEM! Has anyone ever tried counting the number of AVENGERS that have appeared in that mag since the first ish? We were arguing about it over coffee one day, and no one has yet come up with the definitive answer. So, if any of you frantic ones wanna earn yourselves a second-hand no-prize — !

[illegible] ...u that Fabulous FLO STEINBERG, our ...rmer Gal Friday, has a great new job at ...ckefeller Center, not too far from our ...n offices here — and wants to thank her ...any friends out there in Marveldom for [illegible] ...ntain of mail that arrives each day, [illegible]

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Wow! Talk about a dilemma! Ever since we discontinued writing answers to the letters on our fan pages, the whole roof caved in on us! We haven't had so much angry mail since the Human Torch was just a matchstick! One of the letters which really knocked us out was this — "Dear Stan, Here's an amazing coincidence. You aren't answering your letters, and I'm not buying your comics. — Mike Naye, 1711 Virginia St., Joplin, Mo. 64801" And that's just one of the milder responses! Well, there's only one thing to do — we've got to bow before the world-wide wrath of Marveldom Assembled! The only problem is, we weren't kidding when we announced that we didn't really have time to write the answers to all the letters we publish. So, suppose we compromise? Starting next ish, we'll try to answer those that need answering, and weasel our way out of the others, hoping that nobody will notice! Fair 'nuff? Okay, till we stumble again and come up with egg on our face, we'll let it go at that — and, the next time some non-believer tells you that we don't really listen to our rabid readers, let us know — we'll sit in a corner and cry a little!

Excelsior!
Smiley

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

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SILVER SURFER #4: Just picture this — the sensational sky-rider of the spaceways battling the mighty Thor! You'd expect it to be great, but — it's even greater!

NOT BRAND ECHH #12: There are guffaws galore when Mighty Marble socks it to you with Frankenstein '69, the Unhumans and more side-splitting satire than you can shake a Forbush at!

SPIDER-MAN #69: Is the Kingpin really stronger than Spidey? Will the web-spinner turn bad? And what about the campus protestors? It's practically an epic!

AVENGERS #60: The wondrous wedding of the Wasp and Yellowjacket is catered by . . . would'ja believe The Ringmaster & Co.?! It's jam-packed with villains!

X-MEN #52: The cataclysmic climax in the tension-packed trilogy of Lorna Dane, daughter of Magneto — a mutant masterwork that'll blow your mind!

DAREDEVIL #48: As if our sightless swashbuckler hasn't enough trouble, here comes the sinister, scary, stronger-than-ever Stilt-Man! An action treat!

THOR #160: You've gotta believe it! The return of Galactus — Ego, the Living Planet — the uncanny Recorder — and spectacle beyond compare!

CAPTAIN AMERICA #110: Written by Stan Lee! Drawn by Jim Steranko! Featuring a new partner for Cap! No matter how many mags we print, there won't be enough!

HULK #112: Only ol' Green Skin could challenge the Galaxy Master! But, can he battle an entire world? And wait'll you see how it ends!

IRON MAN #10: After about a zillion cavortin' conflicts, the Mandarin at last guesses Shell-Head's secret identity! The shock-studded showdown you've been waiting for!

SUB-MARINER #10: In a life-and-death battle with not one, but two vociferous villains, Subby learns the hard way that you should — "Never Bother a Barracuda!"!

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SHIELD #9: One of the most rousingly requested of all super-villains returns as the forces of SHIELD are pitted against . . . The Hate-Monger!

DR. STRANGE #177: You won't believe your eyes when an all-new Doc Strange is forced to fight himself — with the very life of the Ancient One at stake!

SGT. FURY #62: The shell-shocked surprise you never expected to see — Nick Fury in basic-training! This one's a must for all Bullpen battle-mag buffs!

CAPTAIN SAVAGE #10: The Japanese invade a strategic allied island — and the battlefield Raiders must defend it . . . "To The Last Man!"

COLLECTOR'S ITEM CLASSICS #19: The Fantastic Four, Iron Man, and everybody's favorite Master of the Mystic Arts, Doc Strange — all between the covers of a single mag! Bargain days are here again!

RAWHIDE KID #68: It's wild and wooly western action at its Bullpen-bustin' best — as the Kid faces the most dangerous desperado of all . . . the Cougar!

MIGHTY MARVEL WESTERN #3: Hey! Here's a real kick! We just realized that Stan the Man himself wrote this entire ish! Wait'll you see the "master's touch" on every action-packed page!

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And, STILL ON SALE—

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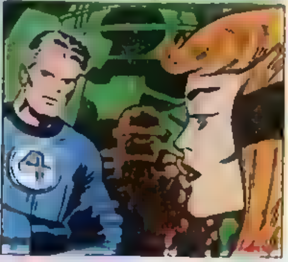

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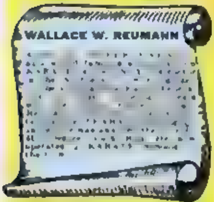

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Fantastic Four (4) Fan Page

Send letters to: LEE and KIRBY
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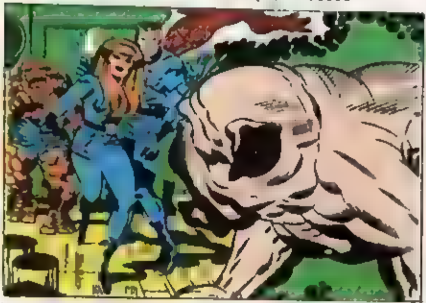
Dear Stan and Jack,

F.F. #80 was just a stall for the F.F. SPECIAL. Sure, it was good. But the sub-plot (the main plot was the stall I referred to) was old and weak. Wyatt Wingfoot and his tribe were not weak, but the idea of someone trying to run the superstitious Indians off their rich land is old, like I said before. Ben could have been better, but he was all right. I was surprised to see he wasn't upset because he had to change back to the Thing. The only thing that actually saved the story was Wyatt, Reed, Johnny, and the ending in which Tomazooma was supposedly walking away into the mist, the title, and the Kirby-Sinnott art. The lettering wasn't too good. I enjoyed the bit where Reed compressed himself into a ball. No wonder he's called "Mr. Fantastic"! Say, what's this? Back in the real early days of the F.F., the Thing had a sort of pointed head without a ridge on the forehead . . . and now he does. Wait! I have an explanation. As every Marvelite knows, the Blue-Eyed one was changed into the Thing by cosmic rays. When this happened, Ben was mutated to a certain extent of the mutation. Since then, it has been working on him like a cancer. Until the mutation gradually completed itself, Ben was in the aforementioned state. Who knows? The transformation may not be complete yet. He may turn into Honest Irv! Then, on the other hand, he might just revert back to Ben Grimm, and complete the cycle!

James Judge, Rural Route #2
Boone, Iowa 50036



Dear Stan and Jack,

Let the multitude give a resounding cheer. Let the trumpets blare throughout the countryside. An event of celestial magnitude has occurred. Yes, it's the (ta ta ta taaa) seventh anniversary of the fabulous Fantastic Four. Since their inception in November, 1961, the F.F. have fought everything from a silver-skinned surf-boarding space wanderer to a trio of super-powered simians. They've gone bankrupt, split up, lost their powers and had their headquarters wrecked. They've gotten a little wiser, a little older, and more mature. To you Stan and Jack, goes our acclaim for these seven, count 'em seven, wonderful years.

Joel Packer, KOF, The National Marvel Association
63 Fontainbleau Dr., Willowdale, Ontario Canada

Dear Stan and Jack,

I've just finished reading F.F. #80 and came to the usual conclusion: Stan's story was fast-moving and very exciting, Jack's art was chef-d'oevre, Joe's inking was fabulous, and Sam's lettering was exquisite. I hope you kinda get the idea I liked ish #80! In the letters section, a fan, Lamar Mauldin, inquired as to if Johnny Storm were the original Human Torch. Here is my long-winded answer to his query: Johnny wasn't the Golden Age HT. The original HT was actually an android created by Prof. Horton that upon contact with air would (to quote a famous phrase) flame on. When Horton let the people view his creation they were afraid it would become a menace to mankind if someone were to grasp its principles, and wanted it destroyed. The Human Torch was encased in a steel tube and dropped in a large vat of cement. In the meantime Horton worked on a way to control the HT's flaming body. Weeks went by and everyone had forgotten about the HT, but there was a slow leak in the cement that allowed oxygen to seep in. Soon there was enough air for HT to flame on which allowed him to escape. Soon after his escape he captured a gang of crooks and began his crime-fighting career. He picked up a partner named Toro who shared his adventures. The HT continued his crime-fighting until 1949, when most Marvel comics folded up. There were still Marvel comics, though. MARVEL MYSTERY was changed to MARVEL TALES and ALL SELECT was changed to BLONDE PHANTOM. The HT and Toro reappeared for the last time in MEN'S ADVENTURES and YOUNG MEN in 1954 and '55. Now for Johnny. He didn't even appear until 1961. He, as well as his three partners, gained super-powers from exposure to cosmic rays. Well, I hope the above paragraph has answered your question as well as increased your knowledge about the Golden Age. The F.F. ANNUAL was great, too. Only one thing . . . when Crystal refers to Sue as "Sue Storm," what gives!? I had been under the impression that she was Mrs. Reed Richards! I hope somebody can explain that one! Keep up the great work! 'NUFF SAID!!!

Danny English, 3856 W. 104th St.
Inglewood, Calif. 90303

Dear Stan and Jack,

I am writing to tell you how delighted I am to see the new-born child of Mr. & Mrs. Reed Richards. With that cosmic radiation present in Sue's blood, you probably had scores upon scores of fans thinking the child would be born mutated, dead, twins or even invisible (could you imagine the poor M. D.'s if that happened?!! Wouldn't it be strange if that cosmic doohicky thing Reed used on Sue caused her and the baby to lose their powers (if the little tyke had any), and Crystal became a member of the F.F. to replace Sue? I was thinking this may or may not have happened (I don't know 'cause I haven't seen ish #81 yet). If the baby has any powers, see that they are original. Y'know, nothing weird like invisible elasticity, invisibility, something completely original or nothing at all. One personal note: I am overjoyed to see it's a boy. Not that I have anything against girls, but I have so many female cousins, well . . . you know how it is. Marvel Forever . . . and ever . . . and ever . . . and ever

Allan Latawiec, 155 Hayward Place
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Dear Stan and Jack,

This letter does not concern Sue's 12-month pregnancy. We will not chalk that up to artistic license, and say that it was only 9 months, and it happened that those 9 months were shown in 12 issues, or something like that. Rather, this letter concerns something that has just occurred. Crystal, the Elemental, has replaced Sue Storm, the Invisible Girl, on the team of the Fantastic Four. There are now two ways in which to turn in the future of the Fantastic Four. One way would be for Sue to rejoin the fighting team. If you decide to do this (and I think most Marvelites will feel this is the best choice), you must first take a poll. You must use the magazine's pages to ask the readers to decide for you whether Crystal should leave the team, or if you should change the money-making title of the FANTASTIC FOUR to the FANTASTIC FIVE? (Then when the baby grows up it can be SUPER SIX!) The other way, the more realistic way, is for Sue to quit the team. I say this is the more realistic way for this reason: Reed and Ben were in the war, fighting, and know how to fight because it is a way of life for them. Johnny is young, and this is the easiest way, among other things, to earn a living, and it is exciting and rewarding. Crystal has lived her entire life with the Inhumans, mostly running from humans, hiding and fighting alongside Black Bolt. The only person not suited for the team is Sue. Despite all she's gone through with the F.F., I think she is at the stage the Wasp was in AVENGERS #16 and at the end of ASTONISH #68. She even said she didn't like the constant battling, a few issues back. And now she has a child, and will want to stay with it, and take care of it. So while you've said we're the bosses, Stan, as always it is really your choice. But I thought you might want to pass it on to the fans first, so I am writing this. I am also writing this for one suggestion. This parasitic creature, Galactus, is a shame to the Universe. By almost any galactic standards, the destruction of a whole planet that may contain life is totally horrid. There are only two we know of who may destroy him . . . the Watcher, but his vow and kindness would stop him . . . but there is only one other who would stop Galactus . . . one who is not powerless to destroy, and one who acts when he feels like it . . . the Stranger! Maybe it would be a good tale for MARVEL SUPER-HEROES? The Surfer would be free, and his strip would gain Galactic proportions!

Don Tyler, 6736 S. Delaware Court
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105

Dear Stan and Jack,

Stan, I'm gonna get right to the point and the point is this: Lately your villains (Tomazooma, the Mad Thinker's androids, Galactus, Psycho-Man) have been lacking something that your older villains (Moleman, Wizard, Sandman, Dr. Doom, Mad Thinker, etc.) had. Perhaps it is the fact that the old baddies were mostly humans and this made them seem more real. Also today's villains are getting too indestructible, such as Galactus whom the F.F. cannot possibly beat; and there was the android in issue 71 who was beat by being put in the negative zone, not by the F.F.'s strength, and also Tomazooma who was flame proof and stronger than Ben so he was also beat by the brains of Reed Richards, not by the strength of the Fantastic Four. Therefore, bring your older bad guys out of retirement and back into action. 'Nuff said.

John Ratremma, Jr., 366 Greeley Avenue
Staten Island, New York 10306

Dear Stan and Jack,

I am writing in answer to a certain Marvelite's letter in issue #80. First of all I would like to say that the story and the artwork were great, but to get down to the subject of the letter. . . . This Marvelite was talking about the F.F. of yesterday and the F.F. of today. He says that the F.F. of today has turned into an ordinary run-of-the-mill comic mag. He says this because of the artwork and the size of the comic. I think just the *opposite*. The F.F. of yesterday cannot compare to that of today. The artwork of the earlier F.F.'s was undistinguishable. Take, for instance, the Human Torch. He was just a "blob" of flame. Today, at least, there is a human form. Another example is the Thing. When the F.F. started, he was just a bunch of orange lumps. Today he still is, but his neck and face are more distinguishable. This Marvelite also mentioned, as I said before, the size of the comic. He said that the earlier ones contained roughly 22 pages to that of today's 20. He also said that the earlier ones contained up to 43 more panels. Now the simple answer to this is that you're getting much more of the great "King's" artwork. The earlier comics had fairly simple artwork, but today you get everything up to full page layouts. This concludes my letter, and I hope I have explained everything clearly enough to Marveldom to make it a better place to live. So until Irving Forbush steals the Surfer's surfboard, Make Mine Marvel!

Pete Gruenwera, 33 Elkwood Terr.
Tenafly, N. J. 07670

Dear Stan and Jack,

I am writing this letter to the F.F. because it concerns two of your supporting characters. Number one: the Silver Surfer. Now that he has his own mag, you really cannot consider him a real supporting character. He was introduced a while back as the herald to Galactus. When he was exiled to Earth, he became a supporting character and made a few appearances after that. Now, giving him his own mag has ruined him as the mysterious being from another world who has been left here by a powerful space conqueror. He has become just another mag on the Marvel checklist. You just can't go around giving every supporting character his own mag. The Surfer was introduced as a supporting character and he should stay that way. Now I know that you will say, "But Marveldom demanded it!!!" But that's not it. The Surfer's fate has been decided, so now allow me to go on to number two: Dr. Doom. He is the symbol of evil, cunning, and genius. Giving him his own strip is ridiculous! What kind of adventures can a villain have? "Dr. Doom vs. The Wizard," "Dr. Doom Invents a New Zap Gun," "Dr. Doom Remodels his Castle." Is this what we're in for? And months from now, will we see mags like THE INCREDIBLE BATROC, THE AMAZING VULTURE, HERE COMES THE JUGGERNAUT, etc? You're doing well enough! So please, keep the good doctor a *villain* in the F.F.! 'Nuff said???

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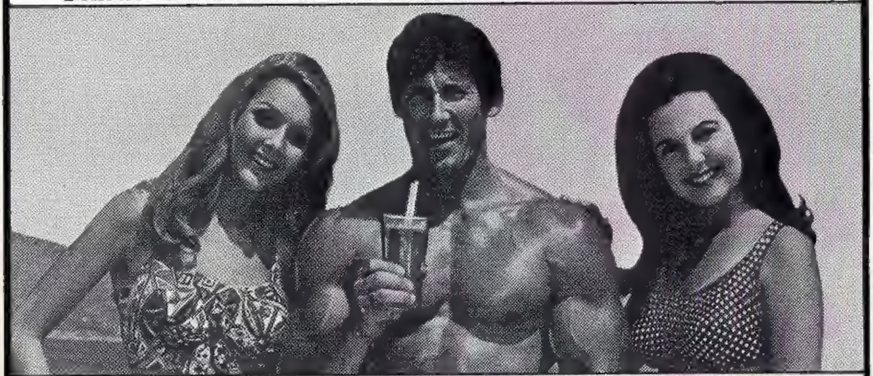

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